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*Nonpartisan Services for Colorado's Legislature*

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# Fiscal Note

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**Drafting Number:** LLS 21-0774 **Date:** April 20, 2021  
**Prime Sponsors:** Sen. Fenberg; Holbert **Bill Status:** Senate SVMA  
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**Bill Topic:** **ADJUST REDISTRICTING COMMISSION PROCEDURES**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill makes several process changes to allow nonpartisan staff of the state redistricting commissions to continue meeting legal deadlines while federal census data is delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It increases state expenditures in FY 2021-22 only.

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**Appropriation Summary:** For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$16,000 to the Legislative Department.

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**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. The fiscal note is preliminary and will be revised if additional information becomes available.

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**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 21-247**

	<b>Budget Year FY 2021-22</b>	<b>Out Year FY 2022-23</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	-	-
<b>Expenditures</b> Cash Funds	\$16,000	-
<b>Transfers</b>	-	-
<b>TABOR Refund</b>	-	-

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## **Summary of Legislation**

This bill makes several changes to the state legislative and congressional redistricting process, for 2021 redistricting only, to adjust for delays in receiving final census data, as outlined below.

**Redistricting plans.** The bill allows nonpartisan staff to use preliminary summary datasets to prepare preliminary and staff redistricting plans, in place of the final 2020 federal decennial census data. All subsequent staff plans submitted to the redistricting commissions or considered by the state supreme court must use the final census data, with required adjustments for prison populations.

**Prison population data.** Current law requires that, for redistricting purposes, the prison population be counted at their residential home address rather than the prison facility where they are incarcerated. Under the bill, nonpartisan staff must adjust the final census data, within five days of its receipt, to account for the home address of persons who are incarcerated.

## **State Expenditures**

To make required adjustments to the final census data within a short deadline, the redistricting commissions will have costs of approximately \$16,000 in FY 2021-22 to hire a contract GIS specialist. This preliminary estimate assumes 160 hours of contractor time at a cost of \$100 per hour.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$16,000 to the Legislative Department from the Legislative Cash Fund

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

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